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1. [redacted] October 1953, the Hermann Loeb Kaserne in Cottbus was occupied by an estimated 1,700 to 1,900 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or tank insignia. From 7 to 15 October, a great number of trucks carrying billeting equipment and 15 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns arrived at the installation.

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2. [redacted] October, the Sachsendorf Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 1,800 to 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or tank insignia and some soldiers wearing green-bordered red epaulets. [redacted] personnel and billeting equipment had arrived. [redacted] October, about 15 trucks towing light AT guns were seen and six T-34/85 tanks were detrained at the railroad station and subsequently moved to the Sachsendorf Kaserne.

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3. [redacted] October, the Dissenchen Kaserne was occupied by 1,300 to 1,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia. About 20 to 30 trucks carrying equipment and personnel entered the installation on 14 and another 20 to 30 trucks on [redacted] soldiers received training on guns of about 80-mm.

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4. [redacted] October, the Alvensleben Kaserne was occupied by about 250 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [redacted], about 30 trucks carrying billeting equipment entered the installation.

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5. Between 9 and 11 a.m. [redacted] October, [redacted] including some with filled trailers and 50 trucks with gasoline drums, billeting equipment, suitcases etc. moved from the Alvensleben Kaserne toward Trebbau, presumably en route to the autobahn. [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. In connection with the evacuation of Camp Forst Tauer east of Peitz the report indicates that the mechanized regiments of the 9th Mecz Div have reoccupied their barracks installations since mid-October.

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2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] observed an artillery unit marching from Peitz toward Trebbau [redacted] The report tends to indicate that the 692d How Arty Regt stationed in the Alvensleben Kaserne transferred to Weisswasser for firing practices from Camp Forst Tauer and still was at Weisswasser on [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. The Funker Kaserne which is not mentioned in the report has been turned over to the VHL. It can therefore be assumed that the 1719th AAA Regt previously stationed there still is in the Peitz area and will later move to one of the two new barracks installations near Drachhausen.

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